



United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-0905

January 13, 2010

The Honorable Harry Reid
Majority Leader
United States Senate
522 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Minority Leader
United States Senate
361-A Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Daniel K. Inouye
Chairman
Senate Committee on Appropriations
The Capitol, S-128
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Thad Cochran
Ranking Member
Senate Committee on Appropriations
The Capitol, S-128
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Majority Leader Reid, Minority Leader McConnell, Chairman Inouye, and Ranking Member Cochran:

In the aftermath of yesterday's devastating earthquake, we are writing to request that you include robust emergency funds to assist Haiti in the next legislative vehicle before the Senate.

The magnitude 7.0 earthquake that struck Haiti on January 12 was centered just ten miles from the capital of Port-au-Prince, leaving thousands of Haitians dead and millions in dire need of basic food, shelter, and medical attention. As communication and infrastructure networks have been severely disrupted, we may not know the full extent of the damage for several weeks. It is already clear, however, that the relief and reconstruction needs of the Haitian people will be substantial and long-term.

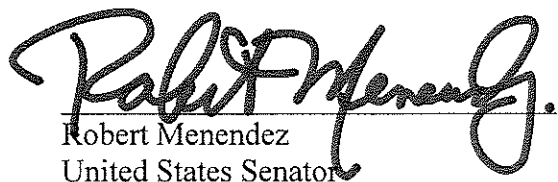
The United States and the international community must act quickly to address the immediate needs of the Haitian people and to support the Government of Haiti. Haiti is the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere and lacks the capacity to respond to and recover from a disaster of such scale and scope.

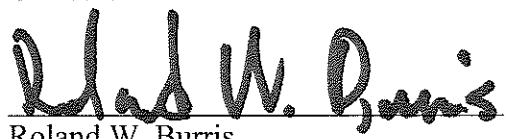
Robust and immediate U.S. assistance to Haiti in the wake of this catastrophe is vital to support stability in that fragile country, and is in our own national security interest. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

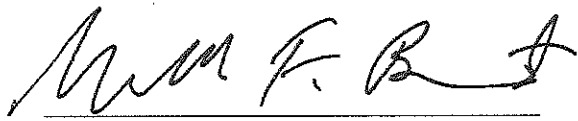
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United States Senator

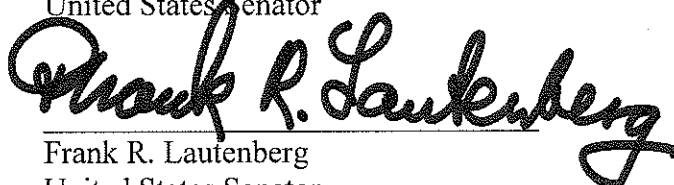
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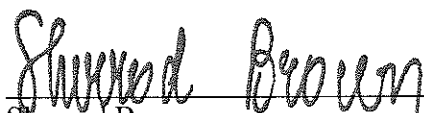
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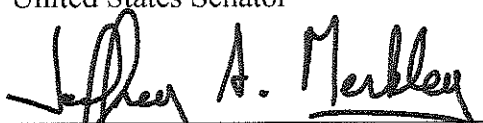

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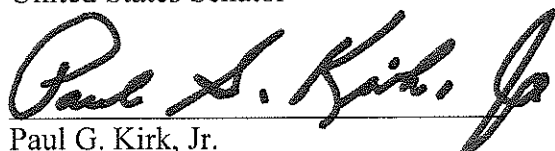

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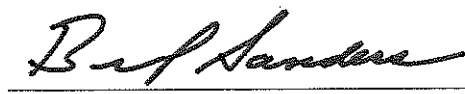

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United States Senator

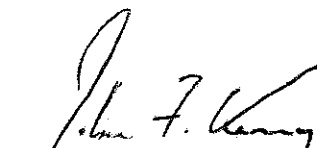

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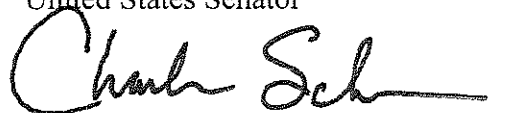

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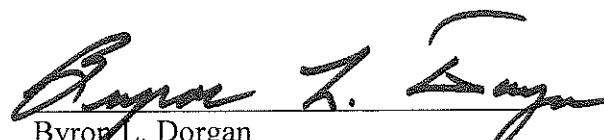

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Jack Reed
United States Senator


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United States Senator


Byron L. Dorgan
United States Senator

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Carl Levin". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Carl Levin
United States Senator